

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Ms. Judith French
Director
Ohio Department of Insurance
50 West Town Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Director French,

We write to you today as the Democratic members of the Ohio delegation, in wake of the Northern District of Texas' decision in *Braidwood Management Inc. v. Becerra*. This ruling struck down the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) requirement that most health insurance plans and issuers cover recommended preventative services without cost-sharing.


This latest attack on the ACA's preventive services coverage requirement will have significant impacts on the health of millions of Ohioans and further deepen existing inequalities in our healthcare system. The decision puts affordable and accessible early detection screenings for chronic conditions like colon and breast cancer, heart disease, HIV, and depression out of reach for the most vulnerable.

Many Ohioans face significant barriers to healthcare, like many others around the country. High out-of-pocket costs associated preventative care further widen existing disparities. We know that preventative screenings lead to early diagnoses, treatments, and positive health outcomes.

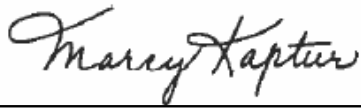
Although the Fifth Circuit put a stay on the ruling, we are deeply concerned that lifesaving services are in jeopardy.

We respectfully request you to work with regulators and industry partners to ensure that families in Ohio have access to life-saving healthcare services.

Sincerely,


Shontel M. Brown
Member of Congress

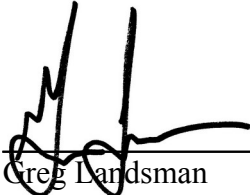

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Greg Landsman
Member of Congress